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## ON THE REVIEWER'S TABLE

Some Reminiscences.

By William L. Royall. The Neale Publishing Company, of New York, N.Y.

The contents of Mr. Royall's book revert to his four years' experience as a soldier during the War Between the States, to events in Richmond after the close of the war, to the history of famous duels, to the State debt, the presidency of the United States, the trusts, free silver and politics.

The first chapter of the book embodies in its war reminiscences Mr. Royall's ideas of the battle of Gettysburg. He gives his reasons for believing that the absence of General Lee's cavalry at that crisis was the fortune. He mentions the unparalleled heroism of the charge of Pickett's Virginians on a field where the flower of the South perished, and expresses as his opinion that the battle was lost to the Confederates on July 3 through the contumacy of General Longstreet, and on July 3 through Longstreet's disobedience of General Lee's orders.

An insert of a summary copied by Colonel W. H. Palmer from the War Records and introduced by Mr. Royall, with Colonel Palmer's permission, is an important and interesting feature of this chapter.

The date of Mr. Royall's establishing his residence in Richmond, January 1, 1868, and of his beginning the practice of law after a year's study with William Green, Esq., strikes the chord that sounds as an undertone throughout these and succeeding pages, filled with anecdotes and incidents that render them peculiarly interesting to many whose memories have grown hazy and who are glad of such a terse and lucid account as Mr. Royall gives. He was a second in the famous Mordecai-McClellan duel, which took place in the spring of 1873, and his description is the first to be published by an eyewitness of that memorable encounter. Accounts of several real and sham duels growing out of political quarrels, and taking place between leading political and journalistic people, are also given.

The remainder of Mr. Royall's "Reminiscences" deals with political questions of national and State importance, and of his own life, while, in the bringing in the desperate struggle between the State of Virginia and her creditors, in which Mr. Royall represented the bondholders.

The book possesses additional interest on account of the discussion by

its author of questions involved in the trusts and their regulations, Mr. Royall's profound study of them and opposing interests involved rendering what he has written in regard to their regulation, of unusual weight and pertinence.

### The Historical Bible.

By Charles Foster Kent, Ph. D., Charles Scribner's Sons, of New York, through the Bell Book and Stationery Company.

Dr. Kent is professor of biblical literature in Yale University, and his book, which takes up the lives of the kings and prophets of Israel and Judah from the division of the kingdom to the Babylonian exile, is illustrated with maps and charts. The "Historical Bible" is the practical result of twenty years' experience with college, seminary and general Bible classes. Under the direction of experienced teachers it will be possible for the student to follow the entire field of biblical and cognate history in two or three years. For the use of these classes each volume is provided with general questions which aim to focus the attention while reading on the important facts contained in each section. To these are added subjects for special investigation, with detailed references to selected authorities, so as to guide the student into broader fields of individual research.

The "Historical Bible" is also planned and has already been tested as a textbook for senior and adult Bible classes in the Sunday-school, as a manual for Sunday-school teachers, training classes, and as a basis of study for general readers who desire to gain from a modern point of view a working systematic knowledge of the entire biblical field.

### The White Mice.

By Richard Harding Davis. Dodd, Mead and Company, \$1.50.

"The White Mice" gets its name from a man, rich by inheritance, though not altogether energetic and successful. The object of the society is to save the lives of the mice, which he is devoted to the saving of lives.

The book is a story, however, arising from his being by his father, with a party of construction people to South America. He rescues a general from a two years' imprisonment in a dungeon and, after a series of thrilling adventures, wins the general's

daughter for his wife. The variety of incident portrayed in the book renders the narration full of thrilling interest.

### A Royal Ward.

By Percy Brebner. Little, Brown and Company, of Boston, \$1.50.

The scene of this novel is laid in England, and the period is that of the Napoleonic wars. Lady Betty Wainwright, ward of the king, coquettish and capricious to a degree, yet charming and lovely withal, is the heroine, and is entirely alluring to turn the heads of many suitors.

The book is filled with plots, duels and abductions, the hero a fugitive from France, his motive being subject to much misunderstanding on account of a self-imposed mission, that drives him to seek absolution from an oath to which he is bound through his father.

Finley Baxter and Sir Rupert Ashton are interesting factors in the culmination of the romance which reaches its end by ingeniously contrived and well written progress.

### Jane Hamilton's Recipes.

Preserved and compiled by Charlotte Mason Poindexter. A. C. McClurg and Company, of Chicago, \$1.00.

This work is at once a cookery book and a plea for the "good old days," and that the "good old days" have not been bettered. For these recipes are four generations old, the garnered culinary wisdom of the Morses, an historic family of Fredericksburg, Va. And the heroine who follows them in the cooking of staple dishes, as well as in the characteristic Southern dishes, will find her results distinctly above all contemporary efforts. The author is the wife of Lieutenant F. L. Poindexter, U. S. A.

Jane Hamilton, the youngest child of George Hamilton, of "Forest Hill," a famous home of the Old South, near Fredericksburg, Va., married John Mays, of Fredericksburg. The recipes, which are published in book form for the first time by Jane Hamilton's great niece, were collected and used by Jane Hamilton's mother at Forest Hill, and have been since Mrs. Mays's death used by her daughter, Mrs. Poindexter. They are redolent of the hospitality and good cheer of the Old Dominion when women were housewives and cooking and housekeeping fine arts.

As survivors of the past they represent and of the most delightful form of concocting delicacies which might tempt the palate of an anchorite, they are recommended to all Southern women who desire to become adepts in genuine culinary science.

### The Legends of the Jews.

By Louis Ginzberg. Translated by Henrietta Szold. Jewish Publication Society of America, \$2.00.

The work is by Dr. Louis Ginzberg, professor of Talmud at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, in New York, and formerly editor of the Rabbinical Department of the Jewish Encyclopedia, to which he contributed a large number of the more important articles. Dr. Ginzberg's rabbinical training has made him thoroughly conversant with the Jewish traditions embodied in the entire range of Jewish literature, and that, combined with his secular training in leading German universities, has fitted him eminently to elaborate the subject with consummate skill. The first three volumes reproduce all the legends in Jewish literature connected with Bible times and characters, the present volume carrying the reader from the Creation to Jacob. Volume II, will treat of all incidents in the lives of Joseph and Moses, the latter, owing to the wealth of legends surrounding his personality, requiring practically half a volume. Volume III, extends from Joshua to Esther, thus completing the Biblical cycle. The fourth and last volume will be devoted to an exhaustive treatment of the subject of Jewish legends in the form of a general introduction and of discourses connected with the legends on each chapter. Besides, there will be included an analytical index, making reference to the text easy and instantaneous. In the notes will be found all the sources from which Dr. Ginzberg has gathered his material, and a small table, which will be seen to be co-extensive with Rabbinical, Apocryphal and Pseudepigraphic literature, and to cover also a considerable portion of medieval Jewish literature.

This work represents the first attempt to gather from original sources all the Jewish legends in so far as they refer to Biblical personages and events, and it reproduces them with the greatest attainable completeness and accuracy. The work has been especially prepared for the Jewish Publication Society of America, and though written in German has never appeared in any other language, having been translated from the original manuscript by Henrietta Szold, the secretary to the publication committee of the society.

### Handbook of Alaska.

By Major-General A. W. Greely, U. S. A. with maps and illustrations. Charles Scribner's Sons, of New York, through the Bell Book and Stationery Co., \$2.00 net.

Familiar with Alaska for the past nine years, the author of this book, who has witnessed the evolution of that country from a few mining camps to an organized status, with all the educational and commercial commitments of prosperity, has here given a clear, brief summary of accurate information that cannot fail to interest, alike, the student and the man of action, those who may wish to acquaint themselves with Alaskan development or who plan Alaskan journeys there for pleasure or research.

While touching briefly on economic conditions in Alaska, General Greely does not attempt a full history of the country, a full description of the virile life of its placer miners, or its varied and remarkable scenery.

The author adds to the reports of experts his own extended knowledge to fill out (and in some cases to correct) the official data. He has twice exercised supreme military command over Alaska, has directed the building of the Alaskan military telegraph system; has thrice traversed the Yukon Valley, and twice visited Fairbanks and Prince William Sound in his six trips to Alaska.

### Are the Dead Alive?

By Fremont Rider. B. W. Dodge & Co., of New York, \$1.75.

This book concerns itself with the problem of physical research that the world's leading scientists are trying to solve, and tells of the progress they have made.

It contains statements of their personal observations regarding the question under discussion by Sir Oliver Lodge, Count Leo Tolstoy, Dr. Casares Lombroso, Dr. V. Maxwell, Professor William Barrett, William T. Stead, Andrew Lang, Sir William Crookes, Dr. Charles Richet, Dr. Filippo Battazzi, Camille Flammarion, Professor William James and others.

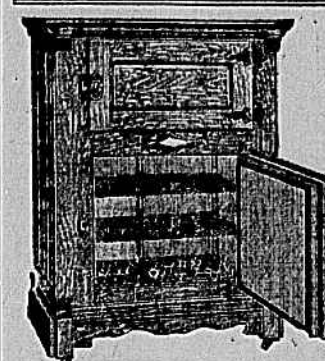
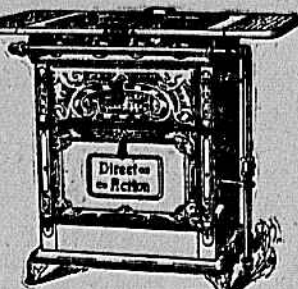
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By Maurice Francis Egan. The Century Company, of New York, \$1.50.

Maginlis is a Kerry lad, with a bague and a smile that make friends of every one but his mother-in-law, Herself, who lives, and moves, and has her being in a state of chronic disapproval. His wiles are all on the surface, innocent enough, always humorous, and the story of Maginlis, his adoring wife Mary Ann, their five children, Herself, and all the folk grand and humble with whom Maginlis has to do, opens a new and delightful vein in American literature.

The reader will enjoy the homely simplicity of life and thought portrayed, the unexpected turns, the kindly satire, and the rich humor of the book; and certainly, until now, American literature has had no such clever delineation of Celtic character, no such jolly book of Irish-American life and adventure.

### The Winning Chance.

By Elizabeth Dejeans. J. B. Lippincott and Company, of Philadelphia, \$1.50.

A modern American novel of New York life. It presents the not uncommon problem of a woman confronting heavy odds in work, the victim of unscrupulousness on the part of one man, who has robbed her of her inheritance, and of another, who uses his power against her when she is overborne by the need of money and the straits of those dependent upon her.

At the end the man confesses his error and endeavors to make amends for his selfishness and wrongdoings. The book sounds a note of warning to the young American woman, and to the man who makes money getting his chief aim in life, and disregards the rights of others in the attainment of his desires.

### Loaded Dice.

By Ellery H. Clark. The Bobbs-Merrill Company, of Indianapolis, \$1.50.

The man who is the central character in this book confesses, when dying, to having been several times a murderer, a betrayer of trusts, a corrupter of politics, and yet, through his

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political and financial ability, almost a President of the United States. The book opens dramatically enough with four men playing a game of cards. Opposing interests are betrayed by flashes to the reader, and the motive for the first downward step is hinted at in the beginning. For those who like an atmosphere of subtlety and mystery, the book will possess an unusual degree of interest. It is written in good style, and the plot is well constructed.

### The Knights of the Horseshoe.

By William L. Caruthers. A. L. Burt Company, of New York, through the Bell Book and Stationery Company, \$1.50.

With the insignia and motto of the "Knights of the Golden Horseshoe" on its covers, this edition of an old-time Virginia novel which is now called "A traditional tale of the cooked hat gentry in the Old Dominion," merits and will doubtless receive a cordial welcome.

The book, embellished with four illustrations by J. Parker Davis, contains a graphic description of life at Temple farm, one of the country seats of Sir Alexander Spotswood, Governor of Virginia, and of the expedition which he characterizes as one of the most glorious achievements of his life—the crossing of the Blue Ridge Mountains with his knights and their encampment in the Valley of Virginia.

Governor Spotswood is acknowledged by common consent to be one of the ablest of the Colonial Governors of Virginia, and in no other novel has his home and official life and character been so fully and so accurately portrayed.

The different members of the Spotswood family figure most attractively in these pages, where their loves and their sorrows, their surroundings and their pastimes are pictured at length, and with much charm and attractiveness.

### Mary of Magdala.

By Harriet Gunn Robinson. The Saalfield Publishing Co., of Chicago, \$1.50.

Robert Stuart McArthur, of New York, writes concerning this book that: "The conception of the story is vigorous, the description of the scenes is actors strong, vivid, attractive, and that the religious spirit which permeates it is as commendable as it is conspicuous."

The period of the story is the first century and the story is supposed to be set in the life of Mary Magdala, on the Isle of Patmos. It unfolds the true history of Mary of Magdala, describing at length incidents of her life and the circumstances which led to her tragic death.

The martyrdom of John the Baptist, the personality of Herodias, of Pontius Pilate, and the many other incidents and color to the novel. The cruelty of the Romans toward the conquered Jews and their power over the Jews and death of those whom they had enslaved, is graphically described. The story ends with the picture of the beloved disciple to Patmos.

### Magazines and Books.

The International Studio has as a frontispiece a beautiful reproduction of a painting by Philip Wilson Steer, entitled "The Weaver Hiss." Steer is president of the New English Art Club, and an appreciation written by him for the month turns on "American Country House," by Albert Comstock. The month has seven very attractive pictures to add to the text. Noticeable art work is also seen in the picture of the "Marmaroe Dolomites," by Jeanes; a house at Guilford, Surrey, designed by M. H. Bailey, Esq., of Philadelphia; Alexander Mann, and an embossed panel, by Helen A. Lamb. Charles Holmes discusses the effect of Western influence upon the East, and the illustrations are used to exemplify different features of architectural work and designs in general. Each issue of the International Studio amply sustains its claim to be called a magazine of fine and applied art.

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